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TOPIC Neuruppin Airfield

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REMARKS _____

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1. There was no flying at the Neuruppin (N 53/Z 49) airfield on 10 February 1951. The weather was hazy. At 3:45 p.m., 11 MIG-15s covered with dark tarpaulins, four single-engine aircraft, and one tank truck were seen in front of the destroyed hangar. No new aircraft arrived at the field up to 29 January 1951 when the field was occupied. *
2. Only individual flights with biplanes were made between 11 and 17 February because of bad weather, including snowfalls. The jet fighters with swept back wings were parked in the same dispersal area.
3. At 10:30 a.m. on 18 February, eight MIG-15s, parked in one row, were no longer covered with tarpaulins. The red numbers 17, 18, 20, and 47 were seen on the noses of four jet planes. ** These planes had the Soviet star on the fuselage and the rudder assembly. Nearby, 14 additional MIG-15s were parked in two rows opposite each other. The four single-engine planes were still standing in the same location. They were covered with tarpaulins. * There was no flying up to 12:30 p.m. The weather was variable.
4. At 9:45 a.m. on 19 February, four MIG-15s in elements of two were parked on the runway. It was slightly cloudy, visibility was about 10 km and there was a wind from the west. The aircraft took off at intervals of 3 minutes. The first formation consisted of aircraft 18 and 19 and the second formation consisted of aircraft 21 and 41. All four numbers were painted in red. When taking off, the space between the aircraft was about twice the length of a plane. Their space increased slightly when the planes became airborne. The four aircraft assembled at an altitude of about 5,000 to 6,000 meters, formed a stepped-up formation to the right and practiced formation flying in good order for about 30 minutes. At 10:35 a.m. the formation flew over the field from east to west at a height of 500 meters. Then the formation broke up and the planes landed individually at intervals of 20 to 30 seconds.

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5. Four southwest-bound aircraft flew over the field at 11:30 a.m. The planes had in-line engines, red propeller hubs and machine guns projecting beyond the leading edges of the wings. The aircraft did not belong to the airfield. At noon, four MIG-15s took off from the field and made individual flights up to about 1 p.m. At 1:35 p.m. four MIG-15s took off in elements of two and practiced formation flying up to 2 p.m.
6. Flights were made over the field at 9:30 a.m. on 20 February. Four jet fighters were parked close to the western end of the runway. They took off later and made individual flights. At 11:10 a.m., three biplanes took off from the field, practiced flying in the vicinity of the field and landed at the Bechlin (N 53/2 39) improvised airfield at 11:30 a.m. *** At the same time a truck carrying air force soldiers was seen moving toward Bechlin. The soldiers wore fur jackets. Local flights were made over the Bechlin improvised airfield up to 5:30 p.m. Night flying was practiced with single-engine aircraft at the Neuruppin airfield from 5:30 to 8 p.m.
7. In addition to the aircraft numbers mentioned in paragraph 1 on jet fighters with swept back wings, the red aircraft numbers 16, 36 and 38 were seen. An antenna was definitely seen on the aircraft 16, 21, 36, and 38. The antenna led from the antenna rod which pointed upward and to the rear to the front upper edge of the rudder assembly. The landing flap extended about 30 cm. Its angle was about 25 to 30 degrees.
8. A tank truck, with a rod antenna about 3 to 4 meters high fitted on the left rear corner, was parked in the curve of the eastern apron connecting the end of the runway with the taxiway. A trailer, probably a starting carriage, was parked east of the apron after 18 February. The trailer had a door at the rear and a plexiglass cabin on top of the front section.

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* Comment. The Neuruppin airfield is occupied by one fighter regiment equipped with about 30 MIG-15s, 6 conventional fighters or trainers, probably Yak-11s, and some PO-2s. For arrangement of aircraft, see Annex.

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** Comment. To date, 13 different numbers have been seen on MIG-15s stationed in Neuruppin.

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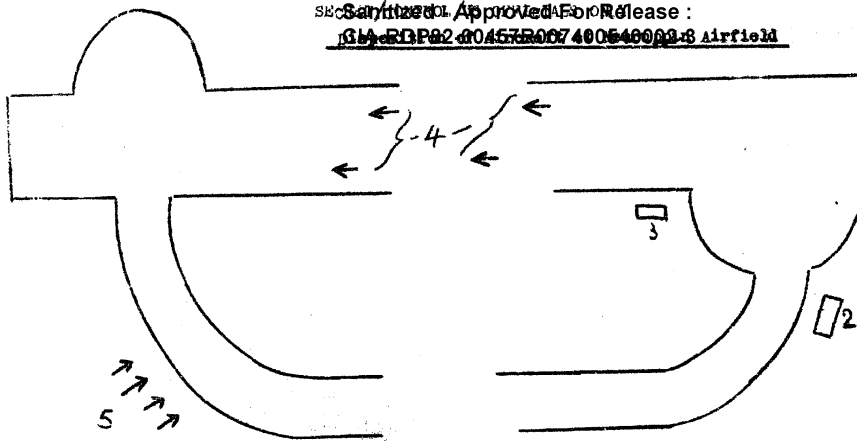
*** Comment. The improvised airfield at Bechlin is so small that it can be used only by PO-2s and Yak-11s.

1 Annex: one sketch on ditto.

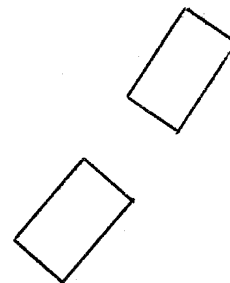
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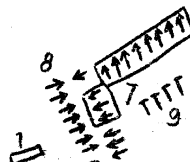
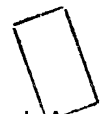
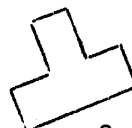


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Legend:

- 1 - Tank truck
- 2 - Starting carriage
- 3 - Radio truck
- 4 - Four MIG-15s in two elements ready to take off on 19 February
- 5 - Four jet fighters on 20 February
- 6 - Three biplanes
- 7 - Eleven jet aircraft on 10 February
- 8 - Eleven jet aircraft on 18 February
- 9 - Four single-engine planes



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